IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yongyong XU Confirmation No.: 4963

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For: Resource based virtual communities

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Officer:

In response to the Office Action (final) mailed on October 16, 2008, this is a request for the continued examination for the application.

Accompanying this response is the amount \$405 for Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (CFR 1.114).

Amendment

Please amend the claims identified in the above application as follows: